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ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Man must bring trees to the God-given prairies that we may enjoy shade in the summer, secure shelter from storms in winter and create beauty throughout the countryside.

Since 1885 governors of the Territory and State have by annual proclamation stressed the importance of planting trees. Federal and state aid have been given to promote the program and some happy results have been achieved.

The annual observance of Arbor Day has been an important factor in awakening our people to the value of trees; for financial profit, for comfort, for conserving moisture and for the ennobling influences by which Nature brings healing into our lives.

Thought of the birds, protectors of our agriculture, delightful songsters to soothe our spirits, animated ornaments to the landscape, comes with the planning for trees and shrubs and flowers.

Now, therefore, in conformity with the President's proclamation naming the week of April 12 to 18 as Forest Protection Week, I hereby designate Friday, April 17, as Arbor and Bird Day.

It is earnestly urged that the day be observed in the spirit of service to our state, that appropriate exercises be held in the schools for inspiring our youth to plant trees, giving beauty and enhanced value to our broad acres.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Pierre, this 10th day of March, 1931.

(S E A L)

WARREN GREEN, Governor.

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH COYNE

Secretary of State

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